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25 January 2012 MINUTES
General meeting

The 25 January General Membership meeting was held at the Pierce County Library Administration Building. . President Gary McAdams WG7X called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Officers and board members present:

President: Gary McAdams WG7X

Vice President: Casey Hicks WY7V

Treasurer: Bob Purdom AC7LJ

Board: Glen Galati KA7BOJ

A sign in sheet with the names of members and guests is attached to the original copy of these minutes. There were 50 names on the attendance roster.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Was led by President Gary WG7X

INTRODUCTIONS: Self introductions were completed and several visitors and guests were warmly welcomed. There were many visitors.

ILLNESS OR SILENT KEY: Larry KD4VOM recovering from surgery

Treasurer: Bob Purdom: Circulated the Field Day Pig for donations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Training: The next Technician's course will be on 11-12 February, contact Stephen Morton AD7AB through the W7DK.org website.

Annual Awards Banquet and Christmas Party: Jim Mendenhall KE6WHN Announced that reservations have been made for next year's big event. December 8th at the TACID building. There is talk of conducting a Food Bank food drive as part of the event.

Field Day: President Gary reminded folks that Field Day is coming soon, contact Paul Am-schler KD7WTK.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mike and Key Hamfest: Frank AC7JY reminded all of the upcoming Mike and Key Ham-fest on March 10th. The club will have a couple of tables to sell gear no longer needed by the club. Frank also encouraged members to consider donating gear to help the club continue to raise operating funds.

Refreshments: Mike W7XTZ asked for folks to take a turn at handling meeting refreshments. At this point tonight is the last night that is covered.

Military Surplus Poles: Lee KE7LDN: AKL the "pole guy" discussed the use of these military surplus poles for amateur radio antennas. Lee circulated photos of his 20 meter beam on Orcas Island. Mike W7XTZ related his use of the poles for his K7A Salmon Run deployed station last year.

Old Club Generators: Charles, KD7UAN reports on his progress in rebuilding the old club generators.

Salmon Run: Frank AC7JY reports that last year's Salmon Run results have been posted to their web site, and Mike W7XT's team K7A won the Rookie Station of the Year Award.

Frank believes he may have captured the low power phone, Pierce County certificate.

PROGRAM: Show and Tell on Steroids; The Ice Storm, Not a ham's friend:

Tonight's program, was a series of member stories of their experiences with the recent Ice Storm. Pictures and stories of downed antennas, the effects of ice on antennas.

DOOR PRIZES:

Yeasu Hat – Mike Elwell – W7GHW
ceramic Cup from Bill AD7QI – Worth, W7WG
Tweezers with magnifying glass – Bob, AD7WU

RAFFLE PRIZE: ARRL Repeater Guide – W7WG

SHOW AND TELL: Bill, AD7QI Displayed and demonstrated his Tri-band three leg Dipole antenna.

TUNING AND TRAFFIC:

HINTS AND KINKS:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 pm.

1 February 2012

The 1 February 2012 Radio Club of Tacoma Board meeting was held at the Radio Club of Tacoma. President Gary McAdams WG7X called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Officers and board members present:

President	Gary McAdams WG7X
Vice President	Casey Hicks WY7V
Secretary	Larry Watson KD4VOM
Board Member	Nick Winter K7MO
Board Member	Crystal Quamme K7XK
Board Member	Al Ferguson N7OMS
Board Member	Glen Galati KA7BOJ

A sign in sheet with the names of members and guests is attached. There were 14 names on the attendance roster.

Minutes:

The minutes of the 4 January 2012 Board meeting as coordinated, were approved without objection.

HEALTH AND WELFARE: Peter Baker AD7EU's Mother returns home, and Larry KD4VOM is recovering from surgery.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Larry KD4VOM

Correspondence:

Membership renewals
Utility and Phone Bills p
QSL Cards
Bank Statements

A copy of the current correspondence log is attached to the original copy of these minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Karl K7KHJ

Karl that we ended the 2011 calendar year with 326 members, and so far this year renewals and lifetime memberships totals stand at around 70/ Larry, KD4VOM thanked Karl K7KHJ, Bob AD7LJ and the folding/stuffing team who prepared the annual renewal mailing last Saturday, and John AC7WW who squired the renewal letters through the USPS Bulk Mail System.

Library Committee: Doug AD7AV

Doug presented the Library report and proposed 2012 activity and budget plan.

Doug also announced that he had talked to member Su Schub, KF7SOW who is a librarian and she has agreed to join the library team.

Doug proposed a 2012 Library Budget in the amount of \$ 435.00

A motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize the expenditure of \$ 435.00 in support of Library Operations.

There was a discussion of the process to handle new accessions/donations into the Library and the process of updating the library manuals database.

All donations of library materials should be processed through the property management team, and presented to the library staff for review and compliance with library holdings policy. Items not meeting the Library's holdings policy will be returned to Property Management for disposition.

A copy of the February 2012 Library report to the Board is attached to the original copy of these minutes.

Repeater Committee: - Nick K7MO

Nick provided an update on the club's repeaters. The 147.38 repeater from Crawford Mountain is on the bench undergoing repairs and upgrades, including temperature compensating crystals and, installation in a standard GE station cabinet, along with a new PL en/decoder and new Phase Lock Loop Exciter. An upgraded has been performed on the SCOM 5K Repeater controller.

The 145.21 repeater at the Channel 28 site remains in service but will also be upgraded with GE Master II equipment. 440 receivers will be installed on all repeaters for remote control.

Nick recommends we provide an annual donation of about \$10.00 per month to the Bates KBTC operations.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize an annual donation to KBTC in the amount of \$ 120.00 from the Radio Club of Tacoma, and add that to the annual repeater committee budget.

Property Management: -

Frank AC7JY asked club managers to review our equipment holdings for items which may be sold at the upcoming March Mike and Key Hamfest.

Several agreed to scan our holdings for possible items to recommend to the Property Management team for disposition.

Emergency Operations Plan:

Larry Watson KD4VOM reports that the EmComm Plan presented at the January Board meeting has been revised to accommodate topics and issues surfacing at that meeting.

The Plan is being coordinated with the EmComm committee and should be distributed to the Board members soon for their review and comment.

It is expected that the EmComm Plan will be presented at the March Board meeting for adoption.

Next steps include

Convening a meeting of interested club, ARES and other amateurs interested in participating in the Club's Emergency Operations to determine interest and commitments to serve.

Establishing a milestone schedule for implementing the plan and training volunteers

Training: Technician Class 11-12 February

Emergency Power Generator Replacement:

Nick K7MO that the Generator meeting cancelled due to weather be rescheduled be rescheduled for Wednesday 15 February at the Clubhouse at 7 pm, The Board agreed.

Facilities Remodel Committee: - Al N7OMS

Al reports work continues on the remodeling plan, which will include refinishing the South windows now open, and incorporating them into the alarm system.

There was a request by Rich Patrick KR7W for authorization to purchase a 6 foot step ladder and shop vacuum to support the remodeling project.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize the expenditure of up to \$ 200.00 for a 6 foot step ladder and shop vacuum.

RCT Information Technology Committee:-

President Gary WG7X, noted that Randy Myers WB4SPB has indicated he is willing to head up the RCT IT committee. The President Appointed Randy to Chair the RCT Committee...

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

RCT Bylaws Revision: Larry KD4VOM

reported work has resumed on the RCT Bylaws rewrite, which, among other proposals, includes lengthening the Club's Election Cycle to allow more time for potential candidates to promote their candidacy, and adding Property Management, Planning, and Information Technology as Standing committees.

CERT Repeater Use: John Clarke AC7WW presented the RCT/Tacoma CERT MOU to the Board for their review and approval. Copies were circulated.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the RCT/Tacoma Cert repeater use MOU.

The Tacoma CERT/RCT repeater use MOU was signed by President Gary WG7X and John

Clarke AC7WW, Tacoma CERT representative.

There was a short discussion about the CERT team using the 145.21 repeater to improve its usage. John AC7WW agreed and if this proves workable, the MOU can be revised to formalize the Tacoma CERT team's use of Club repeaters.

Workshop Wednesdays: No report.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Freeze Your Buns Off: [Members were reminded of the winter field day qrp event this weekend at Pt Defiance Owens Beach, come join the fun, there will be radios to work with.](#)

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

Weedeater: Casey WY7V received a request to ask about the Weedeater replacement. Subject previously covered, Bruce WE7P will do the research as the weather gets better and make a recommendation to the Board.

Ladies Rest Room: Casey WY7V asked that something be done about the large old safe in the ladies room.

Larry KD4VOM agreed that we should dispose of the safe which is damaged, won't lock and the gear can be stored somewhere else.

The sense of the Board was to dispose of this old safe as soon as we can move the gear in it to another location.

W7DK Kirkreit Picnic: Casey WY7V who has volunteered to manage this year's Picnic, asked what needs to be done? Larry KD4VOM responded that the Spanaway Park reservations will open on the 1st of March, and fill up fast. Larry will send the Picnic information to Casey, and it was recommended that Casey contact Al Churchill and others to join the Picnic team.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm

8 February 2012 MINUTES

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Secretary: Larry Watson KD4VOM
Treasurer: Bob Purdom AC7LJ
Board: Glen Galati KA7BOJ

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Was led by Vice President Casey WY7V

INTRODUCTIONS: Self introductions were completed and several visitors and guests were warmly welcomed.

ILLNESS OR SILENT KEY: Peter Baker AD7EU's, Mother returned to hospital.

Correspondence: Larry KD4VOM reported the usual correspondence;

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Treasurer: No Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Training: Larry KD4VOM reports Stephen Morton AD7AB has plenty of room for this weekend's Technician's course, contact through the W7DK.org website.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Straight Key Night: Randy WB4SPB thanked Joe Lester K7ZG, Pete David KK7WQQ, Harry Wong WN7DOE, Chuck Kemmer AC7QN, Bruce Hanson WE7P and Rich KR7W who all hand a hand in making Straight Key night a success...

RCT Picnic: Casey WY7TV, who is chairing this year's club picnic, requested ideas and inputs. Bill AD7QI has agreed to help set up a station.

Gray's Harbor Ham Days: Frank AC7JY had flyers for the Gray's Harbor Amateur Radio Club Ham Days session on 25 February in Yelm.

Mike and Key Hamfest: Casey WY7TV reminded all of the upcoming Mike and Key Hamfest on March 10th at the Puyallup fairgrounds.

RCT Generator Meeting: Casey WY7TV announced that the weather postponed club generator meeting has been rescheduled for Wednesday, 15 February, 7 pm at the clubhouse.

PROGRAM: Frank AC7JY presented a Field Day Video

DOOR PRIZES: DSTAR Booklet; Larry KD7ZBBP; and an ICOM 2012 calendar picked up by Glen KA7BOJ

RAFFLE PRIZE: 80 Meter Dipole; won by Mike W7XTZ

SHOW AND TELL: None

TUNING AND TRAFFIC: None

HINTS AND KINKS: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm.



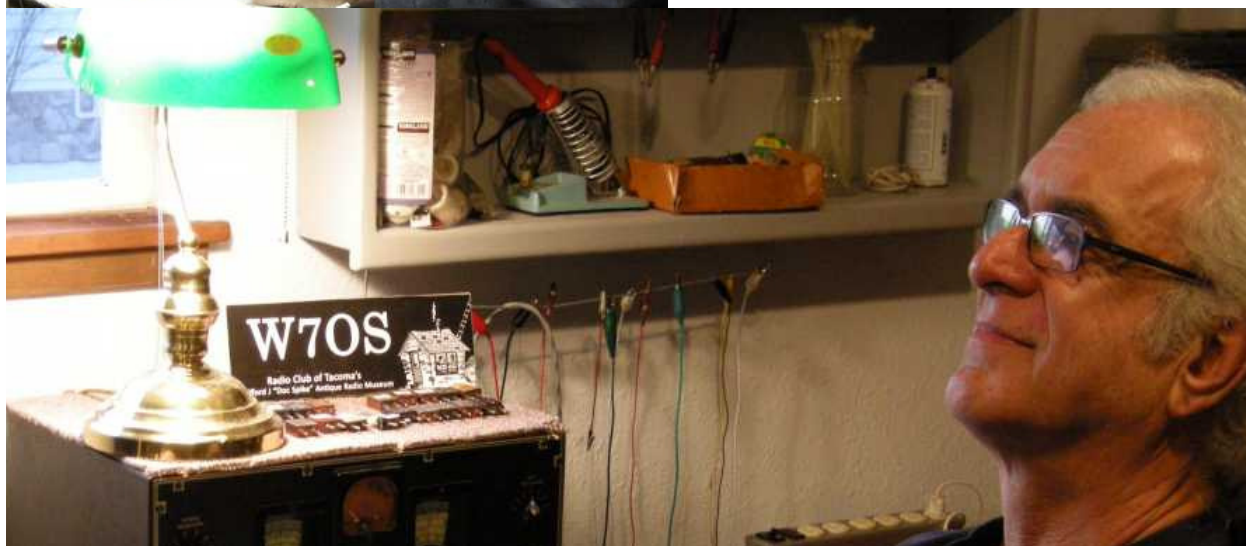
SKN @ W7OS / W7DK: some pix submitted from Randy WB4SBP. Randy was the one who made this event possible. More details and article forthcoming soon



Pete, KK7QW at the 20 meter station.



Doug, AD7AV also on 20 meters.



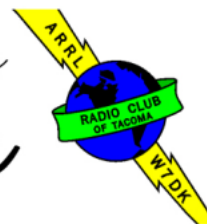








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Radio Club Repeaters

Central Tacoma: 147.280 + PL=103.5 **Central Tacoma Packet:** 144.970

Crawford Mountain (SE Thurston County): 147.380 + PL=103.5

Central Tacoma: 440.625 + PL=103.5

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To RCT Member:



February 2012 Events

CLUB MEETINGS: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at the Library Administration Building 112th and Waller Road. The club meets at 7:30 PM. Everyone is invited to attend.

Board Meeting: First Wednesday of the month at the RCT clubhouse. All members are welcome to attend .

Bark Deadline: Last week-end of each month. Please submit articles by that time!

Support our club: Attend meetings, volunteer, Elmer!

Check into the weekly two meter net: Tuesdays at 7:30 PM on the club repeater on 147.280 MHz

Check into the weekly 10 meter net: Sundays at 8:00 PM on 28.375 MHz .